to have a bathing ghat somewhere near the present bridge?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not possible to convert the brigde into a chira.

The question of the bathing ghat will be considered.

MATTANCHERI TOWN IMPROVEMENT—SCHEMES FOR

22. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):*

(*a*) will the Government be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 287 answered on the 19th of January 1940 that there is no need for constituting a Town Improvement Trust; what other scheme or schemes are there for the improvement and lay out of the town of Mattancheri;

(*b*) is the Government aware that there are many marshy spots and thickly over crowded spots in certain parts of the town of Mattancheri;

(c) is the Government aware that there is a large labour population living in slum areas which need much improvement?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) A scheme for the drainage and another for the reclamation of Koovapadam area are under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are drainage and reclamation the only matters of town improvement?

Mr. President: Have we got the official report?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have not got the official report. We have not got the report from the Sanitary Inspector. We have been reminding.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Municipality has sent its proposals.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether any Town Improvement Trust has been constituted. For the general improvement of the town and future development, it is necessary to have a scheme.

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Mr. President: There is a scheme regarding foreshore lands.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What I mean is, when a Town Improvement Trust is existing in Calcutta, Bombay, etc., places, where is the difficulty in constituting any such self-supporting scheme? *(Laughter).* No answer.

Mr. President: You have cornered the Chief Engineer.

PERSONAL ALLOWANCE—CALCULATION FOR PAYMENT OF PENSION

23. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any Government Officers who are drawing pension calculated on the personal allowance drawn by them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes; there are Government Officers drawing pension calculated on the personal allowance drawn by them.

DEPARTMENTAL TESTS EXAMINATIONS—REMUNERATION FOR

24. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any remuneration is paid to any of the Examiners for the Departmental Tests Examinations held by the Government, either for valuation or for setting the papers or for conducting the examinations, either oral or written;

(*b*) if so, the names of the papers or examinations for which remuneration is paid and the examinations for which no remuneration is being paid:

(*c*) if there are two categories of examinations as referred to in (*b*), the reasons for paying to certain examiners only;

(*d*) the amount of examination fees collected for each paper in the years, 1114, 1115 and 1116 separately;

(*e*) the amounts of remuneration, if any, for valuation and conducting of examinations.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Yes; both setting fees and valuation fees are paid for all Departmental Tests Examinations conducted by the Departmental Tests Examination Board. The

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